

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 8, line 9 with the following amended sentence:

The two regions[[s]] are separated by a residual gas diffusion barrier 106.

Please replace the sentence beginning on page 12, line 23 with the following amended sentence:

Fig. 6 shows a charged_u particle beam device with a specimen chamber 13, which is evacuated by a pump 602.